THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir. The amendments came into force from October 1, 1984.

(b) The amendment enables the University Grants Commission to specify by regulations, the matters in respect of which fees may be charged, and the scale at which such fees can be charged, by any college. In accordance with the above provisions, the University Grants Commission has appointed a Committee to frame detailed regulations.

(c) and (d) It is only after the regulations are finalised and enforced from a specified date, can the collection of fees by various colleges be regulated. The Commission has been advised to finalise these regulations as early as possible.

Creation of Irrigation Potential

168. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the irrigation potential in the country at the beginning of the Sixth Plan;

(b) what irrigation potential was added during the Sixth Plan; and

(c) what will be the additional irrigation potential during the Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The irrigation potential of the country at the beginning of the Sixth Five Year Plan was 56.5 M. ha. Additional potential of about 11.5 M. ha. is expected to be added during the Sixth Plan.

(c) The targets for the Seventh Plan are yet to be finalised

Primary Health Centres in States

169. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of fishermen villages in the coastal area of the country where Primary Health Centres have been set up so far;

(b) how many of them are within the range of 5 kms. of the civil hospitals; and

(c) whether Government have any programme to cover all fishermen villages under the Primary Health Scheme during 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) There is no such scheme to establish Primary Health Centres exclusively for fishermen villages. It is proposed to have a Primary Health Centre for a population of 30,000 (20,000 in tribal and hilly areas) in a phased manner in rural areas instead of having a Primary Health Centre for every Community Development Block according to old norms. Establishment of Primary Health Centres comes under the State Sector MINIMUM NEEDS PROGRAMME. The number of new PHCs to be opened and their location is decided by the State Governments/ Union Territories.

Renovation of railway tracks

170. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total length of the railway track which needs to be renovated;

(b) what is the estimated cost of renovation;

(c) what was the plan allocation for the purpose during the Sixth Plan;

(d) what are areas or lines, where renovation is considered to be urgent and unavoidable; and

(e) what is the length of track which is proposed to be renovated in the Seventh Plan and at what cost?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) to (e) The arrears of track renewals at the beginning of VII Plan are estimated as 19550 kms. Railways' draft VII Plan envisages renewal of 21,000 kms. of track at a cost of Rs. 2500 crores at the time of preparation of draft VII Plan. The size of the Plan is yet to be finalised. During the VI Five-Year Plan renewal of 9541 kms. has been done against an allocation of Rs. 1001.60 crores (net). Priority is being accorded for renewals on trunk routes.

Firing by Pakistani Troops on Indian Posts

171. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times when the Pakistani troops opened fire on Indian posts on the Indo-Pak borders during the last two months;

(b) the loss of life and property reported in these incidents; and

(c) what action has been taken in this regard and whether any protests have been lodged?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) There have been a few cases of exchange of fire between Pakistani and Indian troops in J&K. However, there has been no casualty amongst our troops as a result of these exchanges in the last two months.

(c) Such incidents are normally resolved in Flag Meetings of local Commanders.

Postponement of B.Ed. Examination of Delhi University

172. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the B.Ed. examination of the Delhi University was recently put off after the papers were leaked out;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken in this regard; and

(c) whether any investigation has been made?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Admission to B.Ed. Courses offered by the Delhi University is made on the basis of an Entrance Test. On June 28, 1985, about half an hour before the beginning of one of its papers, attention of the University authorities was drawn to some allegations of leakage of the Test material. On verification, it was found that a part of the test material had leaked out and therefore, the Entrance Test scheduled for June 28 and 29 was cancelled. This test was rescheduled for July 9 and 10, 1985.

(c) The Vice-Chancellor had appointed a one-man committee to enquire into the matter. The Committee has submitted an interim report. According to the interim report, the Admission Committee of the Department of Education had decided to use a part of test material prepared in the previous years for the test during the current year. This material was available in the stock of the Department and it is this part which had leaked out. The Committee has not yet submitted its final report.